

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In The Specification:**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b), the following version of the replacement paragraph by the foregoing amendment shows all the changes made relative to the previous version of the paragraph.

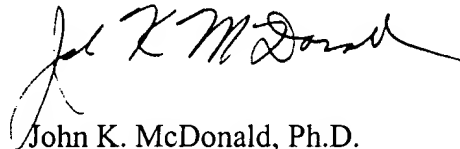
In DE 44 35 65[3]2, materials are coated with a thin coat of lacquer of polymers into which medicinal agents can be additionally incorporated, wherein said coat of lacquer permanently degrades in the body and is thus released. The disadvantages of this method are, first of all, that because of the permanent degradation of the coating only a temporally limited effect can be achieved. Secondly, due to the permanent separation of particles of lacquer, there is a high danger of the formation of thrombosis, which can cause embolisms.

**REMARKS**

This preliminary amendment adds no new matter to the specification.

No additional fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John K. McDonald". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

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